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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1993 AT 6:00 P.M. IN H-769, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

ASSOCIATION
DES ÉTUDIANTS
ET ÉTUDIANTES
DE L'UNIVERSITÉ
CONCORDIA

Documents Considered:

- BD-D1:** Report of the Co-Presidents
BD-D2: Report of the V.P. Academic
BD-D3: Report of the V.P. Administration

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Geoff Dubrow, called this meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

K. McMurray asked that the directors that are absent be marked in accordance with attendance regulations stipulated for special meetings, since this meeting is taking place during the exam period. He added that it is unfair to penalize directors for being absent when they may be studying or writing exams.

MOTION TO EXCUSE DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT FOR THE MEETING FROM THE STIPULATED ATTENDANCE POLICY

Moved by: K. McMurray

Seconded by: M. Boyer

A. Feldman stated that directors not present tonight could have sent in their regrets.

L. Grimes stated that this meeting had been scheduled since early in the semester and that directors had ample time to give in their regrets if they are studying or writing exams.

K. McMurray stated that student representatives have been urging the university not to hold their council meetings during the exam period and that CUSA should follow the same guideline. L. Podgurny agreed with K. McMurray and stated that directors should not be penalized during the exam period.

L. Nicholson asked to know why there was a meeting scheduled during the exam period. L. Grimes replied that the Board received a schedule of meetings and that there was never any objection raised with regards to the scheduled meetings.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

UNANIMOUS

**VOTE ON MOTION TO EXCUSE DIRECTORS
NOT PRESENT FOR THE MEETING FROM
THE STIPULATED ATTENDANCE POLICY**

8/3/2 CARRIED

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS

Philip Dalton
Lana Grimes

COMMERCE

Andrea Fernandez (6:40 p.m.)
Emmanuel Kamukama (6:40 p.m.)

FINE ARTS

Jonathan Carruthers

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Maha Asfour (7:05 p.m.)
Marilyne Boyer
Allan Feldman
Genevieve Grenier
Wissam Jawad
Ken McMurray
Laurie Nicholson
Christine Vieira
Shayik Bina

ENGINEERING

Shadi Khader
Andrew Kennedy
Len Podgurny

ABSENT

Arts and Science:

Nada Al-Yazdi, Pascale Batchoun, Ken Blackburn (w/r), Helen Ora Cohen
(w/r), Thomas Moll, Stacy Schacter

Commerce and Administration:

Kristina Bolh, Marc Fares (w/r)

Fine Arts:

Jonathan Asencio, Aimée Darcel (w/r)

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 152nd Meeting be approved.

Moved by: L. Grimes

Seconded by: L. Podgurny

The chair stated that there are two items which need to be added to the agenda, mainly the addition of agenda item 7.2-Judicial Board Constitutional Amendment and agenda item 7.3-Co-Presidents' and Vice-Presidents' salaries. There were no objections to these amendments in the agenda.

Thursday, December 16, 6:00 P.M.

MOTION TO ALLOW A. FELDMAN TO PRESENT A CLOSING POEM

Moved by: A. Feldman
Seconded by: K. McMurray

VOTE ON MOTION TO ALLOW A. FELDMAN TO PRESENT A CLOSING POEM 11/1/0 **CARRIED**

K. McMurray asked to know if the issue of the V.P. Services's termination will be addressed at this meeting. The chair replied that this issue will be brought up under the Co-Presidential report.

VOTE ON MOTION 10/0/3 **CARRIED**

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Minutes of the 149th meeting held on 04/11/93**

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE 8/4/1 **CARRIED**

- **Minutes of the 150th meeting held on 18/11/93**

Moved by: L. Podgurny
Seconded by: M. Boyer

C. Vieira stated that on page 10, it should read that the "Red Cross is morally reprehensible."

P. Dalton stated that on page 3, he stated that he "trusts him implicitly."

J. Carruthers stated that A. Darcel left at 8:45 p.m. from this meeting.

M. Giles stated that on page 14, the speakers name is Mary Margaret Jones.

There were no objections to any of these amendments.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

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5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The chair wished everyone a happy holiday and reminded directors to submit their schedules for upcoming meetings to be scheduled.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Co-Presidents

P. Dalton stated that a confidential letter was distributed to all directors with respect to the termination of the V.P. Services, namely Michelle Soso. He added that he does not think that the substance of this issue should be discussed at this meeting, since M. Soso has deferred her opportunity to submit an appeal until January. He added that he does not want to prejudice her appeal in any way, shape or form.

P. Dalton stated that a memorandum of agreement will be signed tomorrow between the university, the Scotia Bank and the association.

P. Dalton stated that the Co-Presidents have been working on the lease for the bar on the Mezzanine.

P. Dalton stated that the Student Administrative Services Review Committee will release a final draft by January 1st which is looking into the elimination of graduation fees and a recommendation to set up a task force to review the state of academic advising at Concordia.

P. Dalton stated that last Thursday, the Co-Presidents attended a debate on the issue of tuition hikes which was held at the Université de Montreal. He added that it went very well and that Rector P. Kenniff attended the debate as well.

L. Grimes stated that CUSA will enter into an agreement with Xerox whereby they will provide new photocopiers for student and office use.

L. Grimes stated that the CUSA Centre lease will be signed without a rent figure and which has gone through legal council. She added that this agreement has impact on other student associations and stated that the success of this endeavor will have impact on similar negotiations with the Campus Centre and the imputation charges that CUSAcop is burdened with.

L. Grimes stated that an alternative, more reasonable proposal has been brought forth for a computer lab. She added that it is with an outside company which will charge students a pay user fee for usage of the computers and allows the association to have more control and autonomy.

L. Grimes stated that she has been working on the drafting of a new constitution and asked directors to think about this area over the holidays and forward their recommendations in the new year.

L. Grimes stated that at this past week's Board of Governors' meeting the issue of sabbaticals was opened up, that is

an automatic rubber-stamping by the Board of Governors. She added that the university will have to disclose exactly what they do with sabbaticals, how do individuals apply for it, if it is a part of the collective agreement and if these positions are costing the university and students any extra costs. Lana alerted the Commerce representatives on the Board to remind their commerce representative on the Board of Governors to actually attend the meetings, since CUSA is kind enough to accept their nomination. Lana stated that it is the commerce students that are suffering as they are left silent without their representative present at these meetings.

P. Dalton stated that the pay user fee for the computer lab at SGW will hopefully subsidize the creation of a free user computer lab at Loyola.

P. Dalton stated that on Monday morning there will be joint meeting of the Senate Steering committee and the executive committee of the Board of Governors to set more responsible goals for the university and added that he has assisted in preparing a paper for strategic planning of the university.

L. Nicholson asked to know how much in salary the V.P. Services has received for her work done and the remaining amount that was budgeted for this position what will become of it. L. Grimes replied that approximately \$7,000.00 has been paid out and that the remainder is budgeted for the individual who will replace her.

J. Carruthers asked to know what the status of the budget booklet is. P. Dalton replied that the handbook for the executive of each club will be ready by the new year, in addition to any new information pertaining to opening accounts with ScotiaBank will be included in this budget handbook.

W. Jawad asked to know if the position of the V.P. Services will be advertised for. L. Grimes replied that the old applications will be reviewed, in addition to the possibility of recruiting any commissioner who might have a proven interest in the position.

L. Nicholson asked to know when F. Khader resigned and how much in salaries he has obtained. A. Brousseau replied that F. Khader has obtained approximately \$6,000.00.

6.2 CUSAcorp

P. O'Connor stated that he has been occupied with securing permits and furniture, dealing with the breweries and architects. He added that at Loyola he is looking after repairing broken furniture and planning events for the upcoming year.

L. Podgurny asked to know if there is a tentative opening date set for the Reggies. P. O'Connor replied that the projected opening is mid-January to the end of January.

W. Jawad asked to know if any staff has been hired for the bars. P. O'Connor replied that he has an assistant for the S.G.W. Campus, namely P. Loranger who has ample experience. He added that he is looking for an assistant for the Loyola Campus and that some staff will be coming back, as per the union agreement. Paul stated that more staff

will be hired and that there a lot of applications on file from September which will be looked at. He added that he is still accepting applications.

(Time: 7:20 p.m.)

E. Kamukama asked to know if assistance is forthcoming from the CUSAcorp Board of Directors. P. O'Connor replied that there is a collective effort from the CUSAcorp Board. A. Brousseau stated that the financial policies will be set by him for CUSA and CUSAcorp to ensure that control mechanisms are in place in years to come. Alan added that projections have already been made for the year.

E. Kamukama asked to know who is running CUSAcorp. A. Brousseau replied that there is an overwhelming amount of work to be done and that it is being tackled collectively by all who are willing to commit themselves to this project.

L. Nicholson asked to know who hired and interviewed P. Loranger as P. O'Connor's assistant and how much is he being paid. L. Grimes replied that P. Loranger has not been formally hired by the CUSAcorp Board and that he has not received any money for any work performed. P. Dalton stated that P. Loranger will be most likely recommended to the CUSAcorp Board as P. O'Connor's assistant.

S. Khader asked to know what will become with the old Reggies' location. L. Grimes replied that the university has abandoned the plan to have Health Services moved to this location and added that the university has not indicated to CUSA what will become of this space. She added that efforts are being made by CUSA to have this space allocated as student space either as a study lounge or as a smoking lounge.

M. Boyer asked to know what happened with the V.P. evaluation reports. L. Grimes replied that two obvious results have been forthcoming, those being the resignation of the V.P. Information and the termination of the V.P. Services. She added that the remaining three positions are being fully evaluated at this time.

(Time: 7:40 p.m.)

6.3 CUSA Centre Inc.

L. Grimes stated that preoccupation was focused on the issue of the leases which has now been resolved.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Appointment of Two (2) Commerce Directors to the Steering Committee

MOTION TO NOMINATE A. FERNANDEZ

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: G. Grenier

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VOTE ON MOTION TO NOMINATE A. FERNANDEZ TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 14/0/2 CARRIED

7.2 Judicial Board Constitutional Amendments

WHEREAS the Judicial Board requires as much independence as possible from CUSA and CUSA sponsored clubs and associations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT no member of the Judicial Board be part of any club or organizational executive which falls under its jurisdiction and that Article 7.1 of the CUSA Constitution be amended to have added that to its final sentence: Members of the Judicial Board may not be Directors or members of the CUSA Executive or the executive of any club or association that falls under the Judicial Board's jurisdiction, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all current members of the Judicial Board resign their executive positions from the aforementioned bodies to ensure and protect the independence of the Judicial Board.

Moved by: J. Carruthers

Seconded by: L. Grimes

A. Feldman pointed out that this motion requires two-thirds of sitting directors present to be dealt with as a constitutional amendment.

The chair recommended that this motion be deferred until such time as two-thirds of sitting directors are present.

L. Grimes stated that this motion is more of a policy and added that she doesn't see the danger in the Board introducing this motion. She added that in the interim period this motion could be a policy, until such time as the required quorum is attained for this motion to be dealt with as a constitutional amendment.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: G. Grenier

Seconded by: C. Vieira

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

UNANIMOUS

7.3 Co-Presidents' and Vice-Presidents' Salaries

WHEREAS most of the arguments regarding the budget were in the area of salaries to the Co-Presidents and the Vice-Presidents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the salary for the Co-Presidents be set at \$13,000 for the 1993-94 year, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the salary for the Vice-Presidents be set at \$8,000 for the 1993-94 year.

Moved by: S. Mina

Seconded by: L. Nicholson

The chair pointed out that this motion only requires a 50% majority vote to pass.

S. Mina stated that this motion was his greatest contention when the budget was approved and asked directors to seriously think about this motion.

P. Dalton stated that people are earning way less than what is required of them. He added the amounts budgeted are very fair and that S. Mina has not produced a rationale for the cuts in the salaries.

L. Podgurny stated that he is against this motion.

A. Brousseau asked E. Kamukama, V.P. Finance of the 1992-93 term, how much the Vice-Presidents received last year as a group. E. Kamukama replied that he does not remember but that he believes that the V.P. Finance received \$7,600 and the remaining Vice-Presidents \$4,600 each.

A. Feldman pointed out that if this motion passes, it becomes retroactive and added that it is not the time to reopen this debate. He stated that a retroactive budget is not feasible and added that retroactive rules should not be encouraged.

L. Nicholson stated that she voted against the budget and added that the budget cannot be trimmed from the services and groups area. She stated that the one area where cuts can be made is with the salaries, an area where approximately \$150,000 will be dispersed, a large portion of the entire budget. Laurie concluded by saying that \$13,000 has been spent on two Vice-Presidents who are no longer working for the association and who did not do very much for that amount.

M. Giles stated that the Vice Presidents are the most valuable resources of the association and added that it is a strange area to take value away from. She added that when the Vice Presidents came into office they did not even know if they would be paid and added that commitments have been made since that time.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: C. Vieira

Seconded by: L. Podgurny

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VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION 10/5/2 CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION 3/10/4 FAILED

S. Mina, and L. Nicholson voted in favour of this motion. The Co-Presidents, A. Feldman and M. Boyer abstained from the vote.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. Mina wished everyone a happy holiday.

8.1 CLOSING POEM

A. Feldman read a closing poem, titled "The Meeting 'Fore Christmas."

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: K. McMurray

Seconded by: P. Dalton

This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

G. Dubrow, Chairperson

H. Danakas, Secretary

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